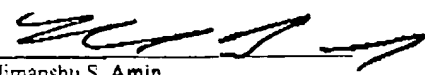


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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.102(D)

Dear Sir:

This is a petition/request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) to make the above-identified patent application special. A credit card authorization form is enclosed in the amount of \$130.00 for the filing fee of this Petition. Any additional fees can be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 (Ref. No. ALBRP284US).

Pursuant to MPEP §708.02(VIII)(B), Applicants' representative submits that all pending claims (claims 1-39) are directed to a single invention.

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A pre-examination search directed to the invention as claimed was conducted in the field of industrial controllers, and specifically included the following classes:

- 700 DATA PROCESSING: GENERIC CONTROL SYSTEMS OR SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS
- 707 DATA PROCESSING: DATABASE AND FILE MANAGEMENT OR DATA STRUCTURES
- 709 ELECTRICAL COMPUTERS AND DIGITAL PROCESSING SYSTEMS: MULTICOMPUTER DATA TRANSFERRING
- 710 ELECTRICAL COMPUTERS AND DIGITAL DATA PROCESSING SYSTEMS: INPUT/OUTPUT
- 711 ELECTRICAL COMPUTERS AND DIGITAL PROCESSING SYSTEMS: MEMORY
- 712 ELECTRICAL COMPUTERS AND DIGITAL PROCESSING SYSTEMS: PROCESSING ARCHITECTURES AND INSTRUCTION PROCESSING (E.G., PROCESSORS)
- 717 DATA PROCESSING: SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT, INSTALLATION, AND MANAGEMENT
- 719 ELECTRICAL COMPUTERS AND DIGITAL PROCESSING SYSTEMS: INTERPROGRAM COMMUNICATION OR INTERPROCESS COMMUNICATION (IPC)

The pre-examination search further included a keyword general literature search conducted *via* the Internet. A detailed discussion of the references most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims of the present invention is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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Applicants' representative respectfully requests that the present application be granted special status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d).

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